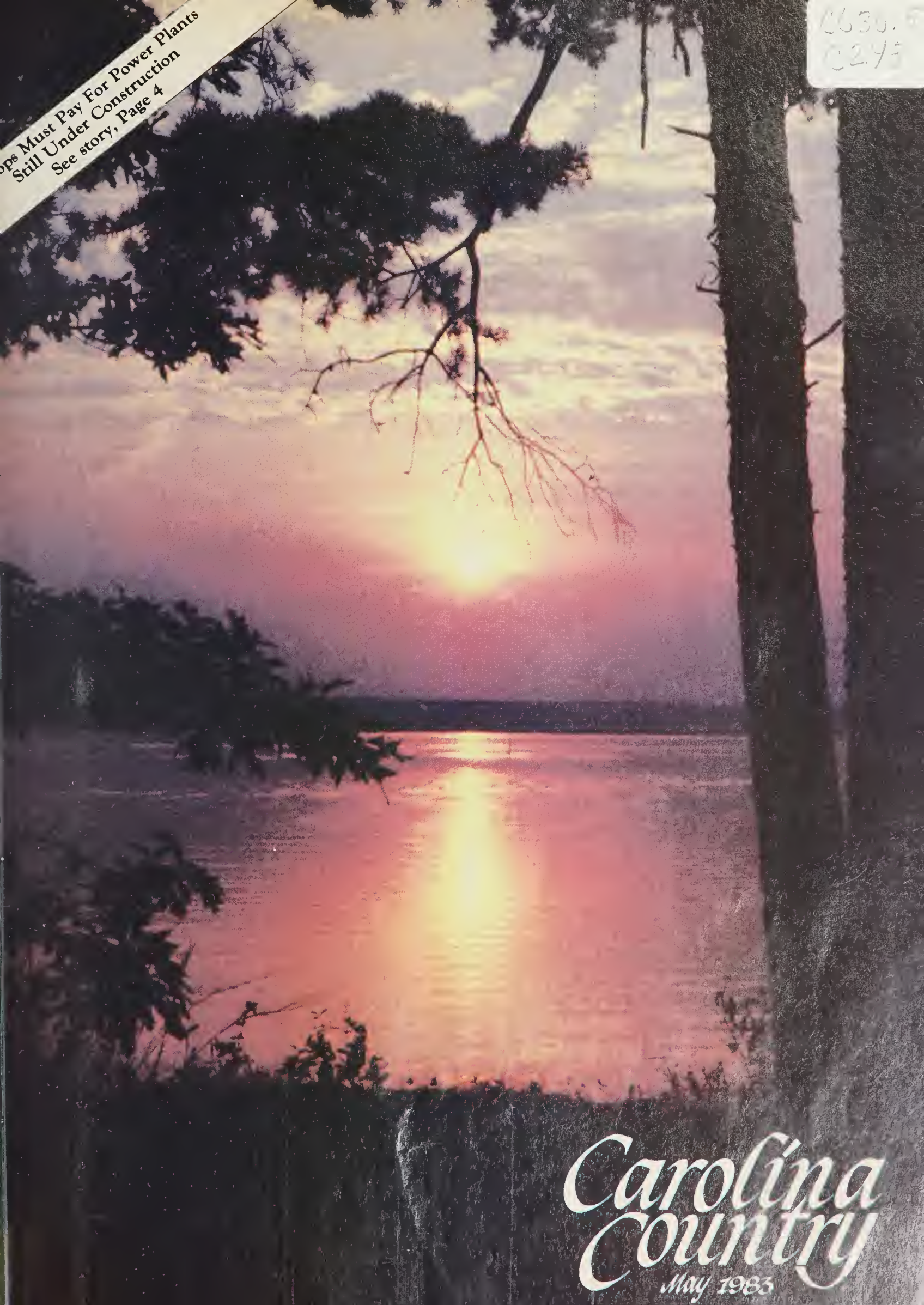


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Before Electricity: Days Of Drudgery

This column was written by Vic Reinemer, editor of Public Power magazine, monthly publication of the American Public Power Association.

I don't think any writer has captured the drudgery of those days (before electricity) better than Robert A. Caro in his new book, *The Years of Lyndon Johnson* (Published by Alfred A. Knopf, New York, N.Y. 882 pages, \$19.95.)

He writes of the Texas Hill Country, using in part the words of its women. But the experience was national.

Even boiling water was hard work. First you had to pump and carry the water. The wells were, on average, almost 100 yards from the house. The average rural household used

73,000 gallons of water a year. Just carrying the water consumed the equivalent of 63 eight-hour days, often after the men had gone to work and the kids to school.

"You see how round-shouldered I am? Well, that's from hauling the water. I was round-shouldered like this well before my time, when I was still a young woman."

The water was heated on wood or coal stoves. They were dirty and hot. There was no electric fan to move the air.

"We didn't have refrigerators, you know, and without refrigerators you just about have to start every meal from scratch."

COMMENTARY

Survival, before refrigeration, required canning. That occurred when the fruit and vegetables, if not the canners, were ready.

Unfortunately, the canning season coincided with the full summer's heat, plus extra meals for harvesters. As Caro described it:

"Canning required constant attendance on the stove. Since boiling water was essential, the fire in the stove had to be kept roaring hot, so logs had to be continually put into the firebox. At least twice during a day's canning, moreover, probably three or four times—a woman would have to empty the ash container, which meant wrestling the heavy, unwieldy device out from under the firebox."

"Boiling the peaches would take more than an hour, and during that time they had to be stirred constantly so that they would not stick to the pot. And when one load of peaches was finished, another load would be put in, and another . . . She would have to spend all day in a little room with a tin or sheet-iron roof on which a blazing sun was beating down without mercy, standing in front of the iron stove and the wood fire within it."

On washdays she and a broomstick became the agitator for the washing "machine." It consisted of three tubs of water she had hauled and heated. She punched the clothes, and moved them on to the rinse tub, then the bluing, bending over—always, that

bending over—scrubbing on the board, arms tired from wringing soggy overalls and hands raw from lye soap.

"You had to do it as hard as you could—swish those clothes around and around and around. They never seemed to get clean. And those clothes were heavy in the water, and it was hot outside, and you'd be standing over that boiling water and that big fire—you felt like you were being roasted alive."

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Then there was the ironing. The irons were indeed made of iron then, heavy iron, and they had to be heated on the hot stove. After a few minutes off the stove they had to be replaced by another; it took two irons to press a man's shirt. Soot from the stove sometimes pressed into the clean clothes, requiring rewashing. Wrote Caro:

"The irons would burn a woman's hand. The wooden handle or the potholder would slip, and she would have searing metal against her flesh; by noon she might have blister atop blister—on hands that had to handle the rag that had been dipped in salt (to clean the iron) . . . A full day of lifting and carrying six- to seven-pound loads was hard on even these hardy Hill Country women. 'It would hurt so bad between the shoulders,' Elsie Beck remembers.

"A Hill Country farm wife had to do her chores even if she was ill—no matter how ill. Because Hill Country women were too poor to afford proper medical care, they often suffered perineal tears in childbirth. During the 1930s, the federal government sent physicians to examine a sampling of Hill Country women. The doctors found that, out of 275 women, 158 had perineal tears. Many of them, the team of gynecologists reported, were third-degree tears, 'tears so bad that it was difficult to see how they stand on their feet.'

"But they *were* standing on their feet, and doing all the chores that Hill Country wives had always done—hauling the water, hauling the wood, canning, washing, ironing, helping with the shearing, the plowing and the picking.

"Because there was no electricity."

VIEWPOINT

Sweet Deal: One Reconditioned 'Edsel'

The wordsmiths who supply cogent comments and quotable quips for President Reagan and other administration officials never were successful in their efforts to convince the American people that the label "revenue enhancement" meant anything other than a tax increase.

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The term could forever be regarded as the Edsel of euphemisms, but there is still hope for it—if those clever speechwriters will borrow a tactic from salesmen of another stripe to offer a special deal on this "previously-owned" label.

There's even a market for it—right in the heart of the Washington bureaucracy—if the label is reconditioned slightly.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) could get a lot of mileage from the term by simply rolling back its euphemism rating.

With that simple adjustment, the agency would have a sporty, economical label for its latest ruling on the rates private power companies charge their wholesale

customers, such as electric cooperatives.

The ruling says that those companies may pass on to their customers part of the cost of building new power plants while the plants are still being built.

It's a decision that reverses a long-standing principle of utility rate-making that says a company is entitled to earn a profit only on facilities that are used and useful.

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Under it, the investor-owned utilities can shift to their customers' shoulders some of the burden of financial risk involved in their investment decisions—

without allowing those customers any mechanism for influencing those decisions. They'll become, in effect, captive investors who'll never have any opportunity to reap any benefits from their investments.

Moreover, these construction-work-in-progress (CWIP) costs will ultimately have to be paid by the consumers of co-op and municipal electric systems. And many of them will be paying for power plants that'll never serve them—for they may not live that long, or they may move, or the plants may never be finished.

It's uncertain just how much these CWIP costs will be, but one estimate is that they'll add about \$500 million to the power bills of co-op and municipal system consumers across the country.

For the power companies, that's "revenue enhancement" by any name.

But, of course, using that label here calls for the wordsmiths' Edsel of euphemisms to be converted into a sort of Honda of honesty. And that's a model the FERC probably wouldn't even test drive.

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Paying The Piper Before He Plays

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has decided that North Carolina rural electric cooperatives should help their power suppliers carry the burden of financing new power plants that are still under construction.

The controversial decision was approved by the agency in draft form in March and is now being polished into final form. It is expected to become effective in early summer.

The ruling, which would ultimately bring higher power bills for the consumer-members of the Tar Heel cooperatives, allows an investor-owned utility to charge its wholesale customers—such as co-ops and municipalities—up to half the cost of financing power plant construction work while the work is still being done.

The ruling is expected to bring a significant increase in the cost of power for the co-ops affected, but there's no consensus about just how much that hike will amount to.

The agency's decision permits a utility to raise its wholesale rates by no more than 6 percent per year to cover these construction-work-in-progress (CWIP) costs.

The company can pass along these costs at that rate until as much as half its CWIP costs are covered in the wholesale rates.

FERC officials expect it'll take about three years for most utilities to reach that maximum limit.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in Washington estimates that the CWIP charges will add about \$500 million to the power bills of co-op and municipal system consumers.

"We're not sure yet just how much this procedure will cost the consumer-members of North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations," said Jim Hubbard, executive vice-president of the statewide EMC organization. "But one thing is certain: they'll have to pay higher rates, with the money going to pay for plants that are not yet producing any power—and that's a troubling prospect."

Hubbard said a recent proposal from Virginia Electric and Power Co. for raising the rates charged to Virginia and North Carolina cooperatives might offer a clue about the financial impact of the CWIP ruling.

The VEPCO request seeks a \$7.1 million a year rate hike to cover CWIP costs alone. That amount accounts for more than one-fourth of the total proposed increase of 15.2 percent.

Hubbard noted that the FERC decision reverses a long-standing principle of utility rate-making: that a company is only entitled to earn a profit on facilities that are used and useful, except in special cases.

"What we have, then, is an unfortunate departure from traditional rate-making principles," he said, adding:

"It should be fundamental to utility regulation that the utilities—not their customers—bear the entire risk of their investment decisions."

The new procedure will allow these companies to shift some of that burden of risk to the customers, who'll have no voice in deciding how

their part of CWIP investments are managed.

"If co-op members were to invest these same monies in their own facilities, at least they'd get title to them somewhere down the road," Hubbard said.

"With this ruling, the customers of investor-owned utilities will be forced to pay for plants still under construction—with no chance of acquiring a proportionate ownership share of those plants. There's no provision whatever for equity as far as the co-ops and municipal systems are concerned."

The power companies and the FERC maintain that the CWIP ruling is needed to improve the financial standings of the utilities.

However, a recent study by the American Public Power Association offers a totally different view of those standings, Hubbard said.

The survey showed that the 22 large investor-owned utilities listed by Standard and Poor's among the nation's 500 leading corporations recorded a 20 percent increase in after-tax profits during 1982.

"Consider that in comparison with

Congress Eyes Rate Limit

A bill now pending in Congress would establish a limit on the construction-work-in-progress (CWIP) costs that can be included in a power company's wholesale electric rates.

In effect, the bill would put a permanent cap on the CWIP costs that investor-owned power companies can pass along to their cooperative and municipal system customers.

The measure, introduced by Rep. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) and 80 co-sponsors, would require that the companies charge wholesale customers only for investments in pollution control equipment, in converting from oil and gas generation and in distress situations.

Jim Hubbard, executive vice-president of the statewide organization of Electric Membership Corporations, said the Tar Heel Congressional delegation has been asked to respond to the co-ops' concern about this and other "unnecessary and unfair" increases in their energy costs.

So far, three members of the delegation have expressed their support for the Harkins bill. First District Rep. Walter B. Jones, Second District Rep. I. T. (Tim) Valentine and Fifth District Rep. Stephen Neal are among the bill's co-sponsors.

Meanwhile, two similar bills have been introduced into the Senate by Sen. Howard M. Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) and Sen. John Chafee (R-R.I.). These bills call for even stricter limitations on the treatment of CWIP costs than does the Harkin bill.

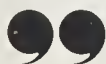
a 16 percent decline in profits experienced by 1,200 of the nation's largest businesses in *Business Week's* most recent quarterly survey of corporate sales and profits," Hubbard said.

Even if the power companies were facing a financial crisis, the FERC ruling would offer little relief because it will apply to only 10 percent of all electric sales, according to a *Fortune* magazine estimate.

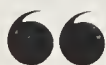
"Thus, the FERC ruling apparently will be of little benefit to the investor-owned utilities but will put the co-ops and municipal electric systems—and their customers—under a severe financial strain," Hubbard said.

In many cases, these electric distribution systems must rely totally on the private power companies to provide for all their energy needs, he added.

"That has been the case for the cooperatives in North Carolina but we expect to see a change in that situation come next fall. That's when the co-ops will begin drawing energy for the first time from their own share of Duke Power nuclear plants."



The ruling is expected to bring a significant increase of the cost of power for the co-ops affected.



Two years ago, the EMCs bought a portion of Duke's Catawba Nuclear Station, which is under construction in York County, S.C. The purchase agreement with Duke allows the co-ops the option of taking energy from the firm's McGuire Nuclear Station near Charlotte starting next November.

"Moving into generation will help to shelter us somewhat from the CWIP ruling, but we'll feel the full brunt of it from VEPCO and Carolina Power and Light Co." Hubbard said.

—Owen Bishop

Power Costs Going Up For VEPCO-served EMCs

Six North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations will soon be paying higher prices for the power they buy from Virginia Electric and Power Co., if the investor-owned firm has its way.

VEPCO has asked the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to authorize a 15.2% increase in the wholesale rates charged to the Virginia and North Carolina cooperatives. The hike will cost the co-ops \$24.6 million a year.

The petition to the FERC called for the increase to be applied in three phases beginning at the end of May.

However, because of provisions of an earlier agreement between VEPCO and the co-ops, the power company is expected to ask FERC to suspend the entire three-phase hike until July 15.

The EMCs will oppose the rate adjustments, asking that all three phases be suspended the maximum period allowed under law—five months. Such a suspension would

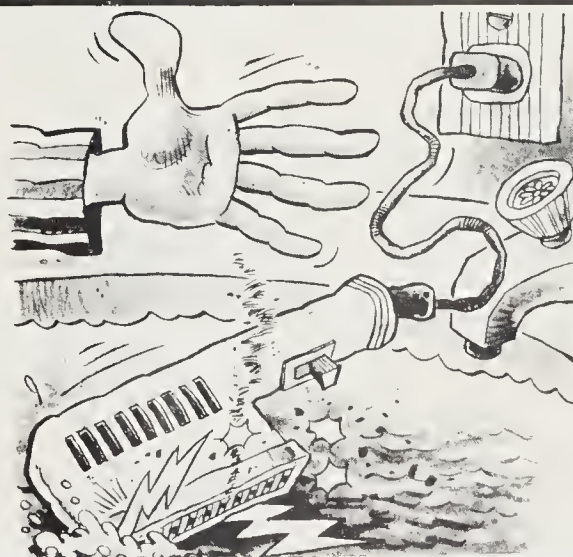
put the new rates into effect Nov. 1.

As proposed, the new VEPCO rates would give the company a 15 percent rate of return on equity in the first phase and a 16 percent rate of return in the second.

The third phase, which asks for a hike of \$7.1 million a year, would implement a pending decision by FERC allowing utilities to charge current customers for some of the costs of plants still under construction.

Under this construction-work-in-progress ruling, a utility may charge its wholesale customers up to half the cost of financing construction work on a power plant while the work is being done. But, rate increases for this purpose would be limited to 6 percent a year.

The North Carolina EMCs affected by the VEPCO rate hike proposal are Albemarle, Hertford; Cape Hatteras, Buxton; Edgecombe-Martin County, Tarboro; Halifax, Enfield; Roanoke, Rich Square and Tideland, Pantego.



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We're All In This Together

Repertory Theatres Set Summer Schedules

The Summer Repertory Theatre at UNC-Greensboro and Parkway Playhouse in Burnsville will present the same four summer productions, with plays being rotated nightly.

The plays will be presented from June 13 to July 2 in Aycock Auditorium in Greensboro and July 8 to Aug. 6 at Parkway Playhouse.

The plays are "Ah, Wilderness!" by Eugene O'Neill; "Deathtrap," by Ira Levin; Gilbert and Sullivan's musical "H.M.S. Pinafore," and "Fiddler on the Roof."

For ticket information on the Greensboro performances, call (919) 379-5575 weekdays between 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. For ticket information about the Burnsville performances, call (704) 682-6151.

EMCs Get Loans For Expansion

The Rural Electrification Administration has authorized loans for two North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations for expansion projects:

- **Union EMC**, Monroe, has been awarded a \$3.3 million loan for a project involving service for 1,600 additional customers, 125 miles of distribution line, five miles of transmission line and various system improvements.

Upon completion of the project the EMC will be serving 22,744 consumers on 2,890 miles of line in portions of Union, Mecklenburg, Cabarus, Rowan and Stanly counties.

- **Lumbree River EMC**, Red Springs, has been awarded a \$3.7 million loan for a project involving 2,088 additional consumers, 100 miles of distribution line, 21 miles of transmission line and various system improvements.

When the project is completed, the EMC will be serving 27,577 consumers over 3,006 miles of line

in portions of Hoke, Cumberland, Robeson and Scotland counties.

Both co-ops will also arrange additional financing for these projects through the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.

Brochure Outlines Mail Order Rights

A free brochure, "Mail Order Rights," has been developed through a cooperative effort by the Postal Service, the Federal Office of Consumer Affairs and the American Express Company. Designed to help consumers cope with mail-order problems, the brochure outlines individuals' legal protections.

The brochure notes that consumers have the right to have mail-order purchases shipped when promised, or to cancel and receive a full refund.

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the company receives the order and payment. If you suspect damaged merchandise, write "refused" on the wrapper and return it for replacement.

Consumers are not obligated to return any unsolicited piece of mail. Such mail can be accepted as a gift.

For more detailed information, send a postcard requesting the brochure to Consumer Information Center, Dept. 616K, Pueblo, Colorado, 81009.

New Mailing Addresses For Tar Heel Senators

North Carolina's two senators recently moved into new quarters. Their new mailing addresses are as follows:

- **Senator Jesse Helms**—SD-402 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC, 20510.

- **Senator John P. East**—SH-716 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC, 20510.

Home Folks

James F. Wilder, executive vice-president of the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association, has been named the N.C. Department of Agriculture's 1982 Friend of Agriculture. Honored as the department's 1983 Employee of the Year was **Howard M. Singletary Jr.** of Raleigh, plant pest administrator in the Plant Industry Division

Joe Newman of Southport has been honored as the state's 1983 Wildlife Officer of the Year at the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. . . . **Sam Rand**, assistant manager of the N.C. State Fair, will become manager effective May 1, succeeding **Art Pitzer**, who will retire after 17 years in the post. Rand, an NCSU graduate who has been in the N.C. Department of Agriculture since 1955, became assistant manager of the fair in 1979 **Rev.**

Roosevelt Taylor Jr. of Rt. 2, La Grange, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation, Dudley. He was named to complete the unexpired term of Frederick P. Kittrell of Rt. 2, La Grange, who resigned. He had served on the board since 1978. Taylor is pastor of churches in Lenoir, Greene and Jones Counties Five of the state's agricultural extension agents with tobacco responsibilities have been honored for "Excellence in Tobacco Extension". The \$3,000 awards are presented by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service. The awards went to **Alan A. Harper Jr.**, Lenoir County; **Cuyler F. Heath Jr.**, Sampson County; **J. Michael Moore**, Duplin County; **James H. Ray**, Yancey County and **Frederick J. Rivers**, Person County.

EMC Directors Are Re-elected

Eight incumbent directors of two North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations have been re-elected during recent co-op Annual Meetings:

- **French Broad EMC,** Marshall—Re-elected were John O. Corbett of Marshall; W. G. Plemmons of Rt. 3, Leicester; James W. Ray of Burnsville and Bill Riddle of Burnsville.

- **South River EMC,** Dunn—Re-elected were Bynum Jackson of Rt. 1, Godwin; E. E. Fisher of Rt. 1, Stedman, Kesler C. Butler of Rt. 7, Fayetteville and Peter J. Baker of Rt. 1, Hope Mills.

Historical Drama Slated In Waxhaw

A "homegrown" historical outdoor drama will be presented for its 19th season during June in the Union County community of Waxhaw.

"Listen and Remember," which was written by Dare Steele with original music by Elinor McLaughlin, recreates the life and times of the young Andrew Jackson in the old Waxhaws settlement.

Featured in the production will be the Wisackyola Chorus singing old-time hymn favorites as well as music prepared especially for the drama.

Performances are scheduled for 8:30 p.m. June 2-4, 9-11, 16-18 and 23-25.

For ticket information write or call Joyce Blythe at the Waxhaws Historical Festival and Drama Association, P.O. Box 1776, Waxhaw, N.C. 28173. Phone: (704) 843-2246.

Small Wind Machines Not Cost-Effective

It does not make sense, in terms of cost per kilowatt of generating capacity, for a consumer to

purchase a wind machine smaller than five kilowatts in size, according to a recent report by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The report is based on a survey of more than 100 small wind machines connected on rural electric lines across the U.S.

The survey showed that the percentage of time when wind was sufficient for wind machine operation was 10 percent. Average down time for repairs and maintenance was 24 percent.

Larger wind machines (in the 25-100 kilowatt range) have the advantage of being able to generate electricity at lower wind speeds

than smaller machines. In California, Hawaii and New England, clusters of these larger machines, known as wind farms, are generating electricity and selling it to local utilities.

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As a result, Mrs. Carl Sandburg persuaded her poet-biographer husband to buy the 240-acre farm now known as Connemara. They moved in in 1945 and lived there for the next 22 years.

Today, Connemara is a national historic site which attracts visitors from across the nation. It is maintained essentially as it was while the Sandburgs lived there—even down to a small goat herd of the same breeds Mrs. Sandburg raised.

The house is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except on Wednesdays, when it is open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information, write to Superintendent, Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site, Flat Rock, N.C. 28731. Phone (704) 693-4178.



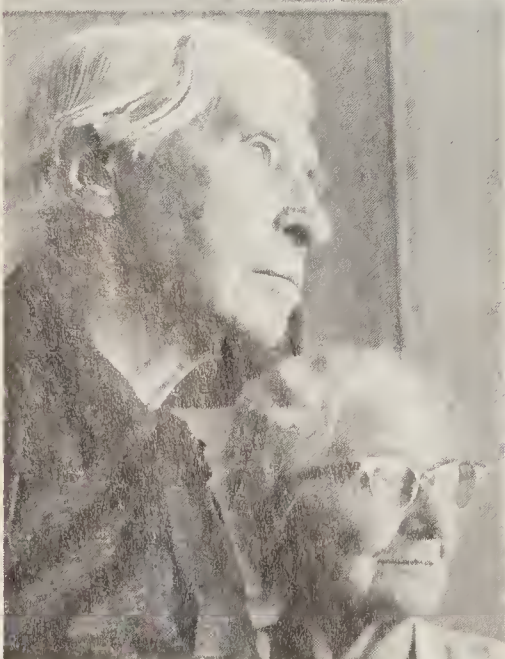
The living room.

Sandburg's study.



Carl and Lilian (Paula) Steichen Sandburg at Connemara.

—June Glenn, Jr.



The historic site has a total of 18 buildings, including the main house.



The Josiah Bell House, circa 1825, is headquarters for the Beaufort Historical Association and a Reception Center for the community. Furnished in a Victorian manner, the house is the starting point of year-round guided tours. This and a number of other old homes will be featured on the Old Homes Tour scheduled for June 24-25.

Beaufort Salutes Its History

Back in 1722 when the old seafaring town of Beaufort was incorporated, folks could walk its oak and crepe myrtle lined streets, gazing at the fine homes produced by early ship-building carpenters.

Even pirates, dreaded and feared by settlers and seamen alike, could be spotted now and then as they roamed the coastline.

That's the way that colorful and quaint old town was back then—and that's the way it still is today, except that the pirates are only make-believe.

Despite the passing of years, the once isolated old town looks much the same today as it did when about the only way to get there was by sea.

Those oaks still line the streets, and many of the houses admired by folks back then still stand today.

If you visit Beaufort during the annual Old Homes Tour June 24 and 25, you'll even be able to spot some pirates, just as those early settlers did centuries ago.

Beaufort lies on the coast in Carteret County about two miles from Morehead City. The first

settlers came in 1709, making it the state's third oldest town.



Each year during the Old Homes Tour, townspeople gear up for a special celebration—and the crowds that come for the festivities



Since it was thriving long before even George Washington was born, it retains the definite feel of the English roots its first inhabitants put down. Streets are named for Queen Anne, the Earl of Craven and the Prince of Orange. The town itself took its name from Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort.

The city's downtown historic area is open every day all year around, with costumed hostesses to act as guides. There's even an English double-decker bus for special tours.

But each year during the Old Homes Tour, townspeople gear up for a special celebration—and the crowds that come for the festivities.

In addition to special tours, there's an antique show, wooden boat races and a re-enactment of the infamous pirate invasion of 1747, when hoards of the most dreaded foes of the early settlers came out of the water to plunder the town. They burned ships at the docks, looted shops and houses and carried off many of the womenfolk. Enraged by the destruction, a group of farmers began to give the pirates a fight, then just as all seemed lost, the militia came to the rescue. The seige was over and many of the pirates landed in jail.

Every year, folks dress up in costume and act out the drama again as part of the areawide celebration of the old town's place in the history books.

For more information about the pirate invasion and homes tour, write or call the Beaufort Historical Association, P.O. Box 1709, Beaufort, N.C. 28516. Phone: (919) 728-5225.



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If you have hopes of applying for a loan from the new Solar Energy and Energy Conservation Bank, there's no need to rush: a bureaucratic hang-up has stalled the program indefinitely.

Various North Carolina utilities and agencies are scheduled to process loan applications for the funds, but the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has not yet adopted specific guidelines for distributing the money.

Until the regulations are set, loan applications can't be evaluated.

"We're a long way from the point where people can apply for some money," said Solar Specialist John Manual of the N.C. Energy Division.

Federal officials have not even told the agencies when they can begin gearing up for the program, he said.

North Carolina is scheduled to get \$450,000 initially and more later, if the program can get on track.

The bank was created in the Energy Security Act of 1980 to help lower the cost of borrowing money for energy-related home improvements. It would make payments to local lending institutions which, in turn, would provide low-interest loans, reductions in principal or matching grants to qualified applicants.

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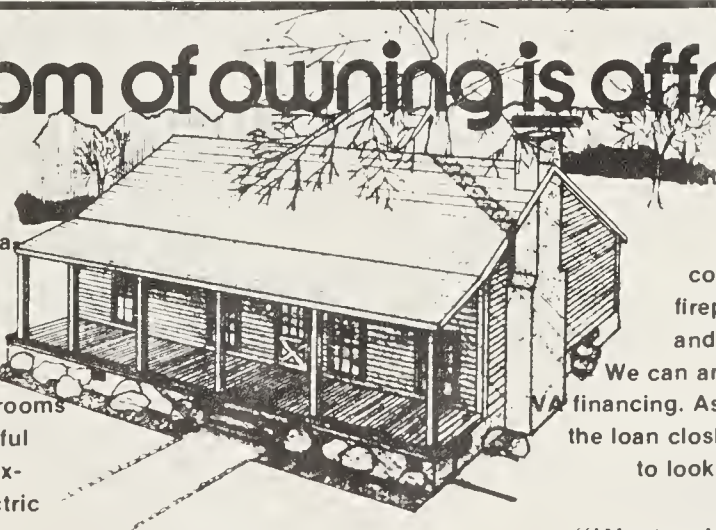
The Reagan Administration had tried to stop the bank despite a mandate from Congress, but was ordered to make the funds available by a federal judge.

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A total of 10 utilities and agencies are expected to administer the program. They are: Carolina Power and Light Co. and four Electric Membership Corporations—Randolph, Asheboro; Haywood, Waynesville; Lumbee River, Red Springs and Blue Ridge, Lenoir. The loans are also available through Neighborhood Housing Services offices in Durham, Winston-Salem, Charlotte and Wilmington as well as through the N.C. Energy Conservation Fund, which will consider applications from non-profit organizations.

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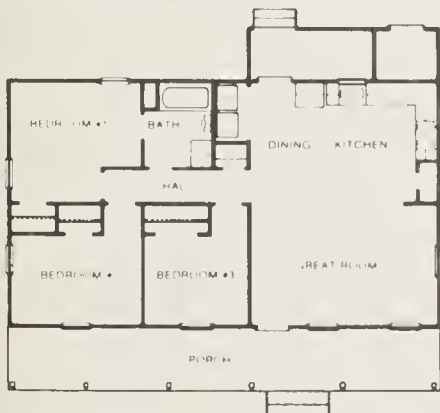
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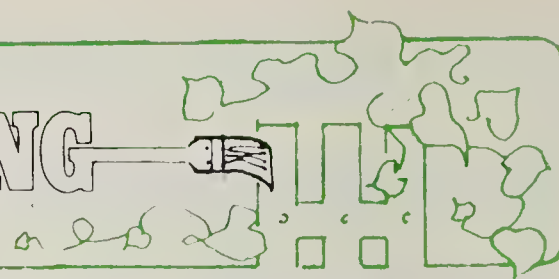


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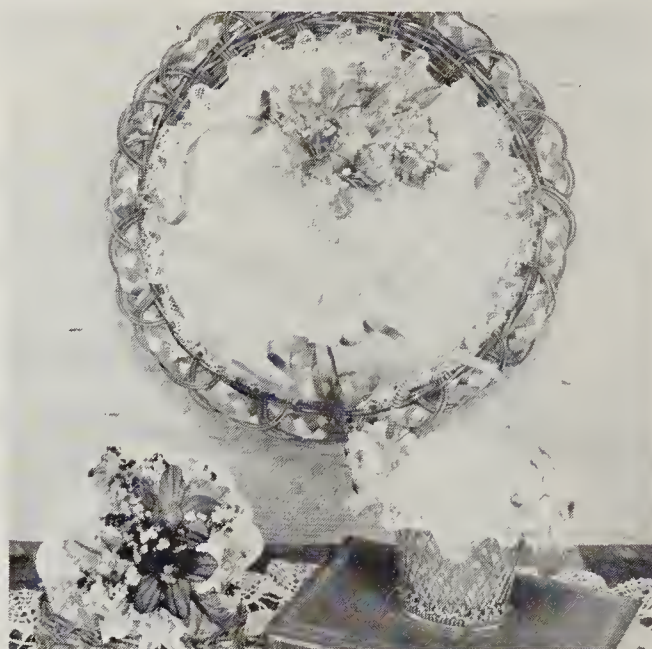
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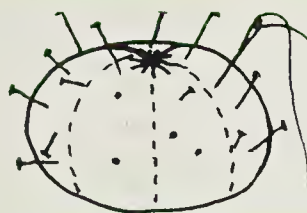
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WASHINGTON SCENE

Proposed Cuts In Co-op Loan Program Headed For Trouble

The Reagan administration has recommended that federal loan allocations for the nation's rural electric cooperatives be cut substantially as part of an effort to reduce all spending except for defense.

The outlook is that this particular budget proposal will run into a hornet's nest of opposition in Congress, where the rural electric program is considered one of the federal government's most impressive success stories.

Congressional support for the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) loan program is both deep and broad. Many senators and congressmen remember the program's beginnings under President Franklin Roosevelt.

For example, two utility company executives visited a senator from a fairly rural state a couple of years ago lobbying for a pet project. When they made disparaging remarks about the REA program, the senator immediately bristled.

"Don't come into my office," he told them, "and try to belittle REA. I can remember my Dad trying to get electricity on his farm for years, and the power companies wouldn't even listen to him. And he never got anywhere until Roosevelt established the REA."

The two officials left shortly after without getting any assurance of support for whatever they wanted.

The same kind of response can be expected from many members of Congress today, as they review

administration plans to cut nearly in half the amount of loans that would be federally insured and guaranteed.

REA supporters say this plan would seriously cripple the lending agency and the cooperatives it serves.

Most North Carolina congressmen have little patience with the Reagan proposal.

"I certainly oppose it," said freshman Rep. Jamie Clarke, a Democrat from North Carolina's Eleventh District.

Clarke, whose home is about 15 miles outside of Asheville, said he is a consumer-member of Haywood Electric Membership Corporation, Waynesville, and is well-acquainted with the French Broad EMC, Marshall.

"Some of those people would never have had electricity if it hadn't been for the REA," Clarke said, adding that he had discussed the matter with "the people back home" and found them against weakening the rural electric program.

Other North Carolina congressmen also are opposed to the proposed cuts.

Walter Jones of the First District, the senior Democrat in the Tar Heel delegation, left no doubt that he will oppose any effort to slash REA's federal support.

"REA has done too much for the people," Jones said. "And there is still much to be done. I would oppose any effort to reduce its effectiveness by cutting federal loan guarantees. I think the White

House should review the record and find out that REA pays what it borrows and that this is a business matter, not a question of a government handout."

Another freshman North Carolina congressman, I. T. (Tim) Valentine, a Democrat from the Second District, weighed in heavily on the side of REA.

"You don't have to tell me what electricity has meant to rural North Carolina. The area wouldn't have bloomed without it. It's too valuable to our people to be crippled."

Fifth District Rep. Stephen Neal of Winston-Salem was even more blunt in his criticism: "I am not surprised," he asserted, "that the present administration wants to cut REA loans in half and severely reduce REA loan guarantees. The record of Republican administrations with respect to rural America always has been poor, but this one is a disgrace."



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The proposal to cut REA support, however, is just part of the approach that the Reagan administration is taking to rural America generally.

The White House has recently unveiled a "blueprint" for rural America, which stresses that America's rural areas will get less help from Washington.

It has even Republican members of Congress upset.

The Reagan "blueprint" proposes returning "power to the people" but says that Rural America will get less development money from the federal government.

The administration's first two budgets cut heavily into rural programs but the proposed third-year budget goes much further.

In addition to the proposed cuts in REA loan levels, there are huge cutbacks in water and sewer programs, business loans and community facilities development. The biggest cut, however, would be in the Farmer's Home Administration, which would practically remove it from rural housing loans by cutting its funds from \$3 billion to less than \$1 billion.

This has some members of Congress, such as Senator Mack Mattingly (R-Ga) and Rep. Wes Watkins (D-Okla), steaming.

"The problem with this," said Watkins, chairman of the Rural Caucus, "is that the states are broke and, without emphasis from Washington, their priorities won't be on rural development."

He was referring to the administration's plan to use block grants to the states instead of existing programs.

Two Republican senators from agricultural states, Thad Cochran of Mississippi and Mark Andrews of South Dakota, have been especially critical of the Agriculture Department's "blueprint" for rural America.

They feel they have been successful in generating opposition to the plan, and say that the housing block-grant plan for the states is dead in the water.

"It's a travesty," said Andrews, who is chairman of a rural development subcommittee in the Senate. "What makes it worse is that it was done by my own party."

So, the Reagan plan to cut other government programs in order to spend more on defense is in trouble in Congress—and not just from Democrats.

And that is what the remainder of this year's Congress is going to

be all about.

Catching Up: The Energy Department has selected five states as possible sites for the nation's first nuclear waste dump. Although some Southern states were included, Mississippi and Louisiana and North Carolina failed to get this dubious honor. Meanwhile, residents of Wisconsin made their feelings known about putting waste in their state. In a special referendum, 87 percent of the voters said, "No thanks." ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Legislation has been introduced once again to end the tobacco support program, which means

members from tobacco states will have to make their periodic fight to preserve it. Seventh District Rep. Charles Rose has already held hearings in Southern states in an effort to show the importance of the support program to farmers. ☐ ☐ ☐ While it may not be an omen for flue cured growers, Maryland tobacco growers were reported to be very disappointed with prices at their recent auctions. They placed much of the blame for the reduced prices on the higher cigarette tax which went into effect this year.

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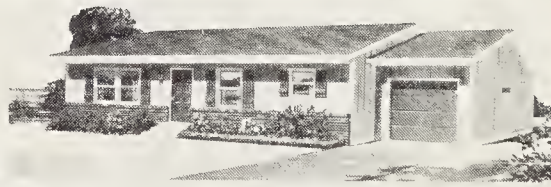
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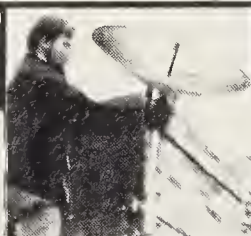
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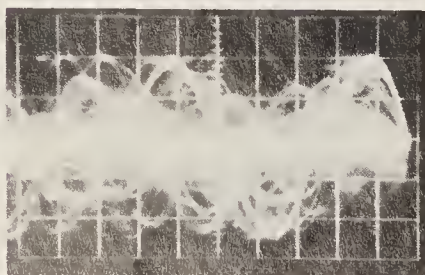
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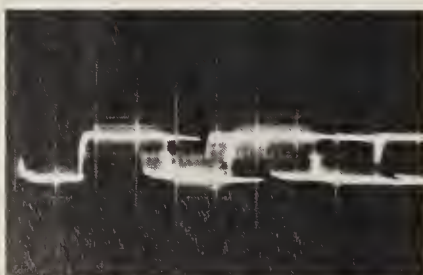
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Four years later, her husband was dead and Mrs. Profitt was struggling to make a living off of the farm.

Although she hadn't realized the importance of it at the time, Mrs. Profitt had insured her future when she started working with the county agricultural extension agent and the state forester in the 1930s.

"I learned through Edwin McGee how to take out the underbrush to allow the trees room to grow and then how to market my timber. The best thing you can do is get an honest man in your forest. I furnished the paint and Mr. McGee marked the trees for me. And when you take out a tree, well, put another one back."

Mrs. Profitt practices what she preaches. Although she no longer has the family farm, she does own "this little plot—43 acres." She planted more trees a couple of years ago, still planning for the future.

She is impatient with people who own timber but do nothing with it. "When I see valuable land covered with scrubby trees that will never bring anything when it could be covered with valuable forest . . .," she

shakes her head. "If I was a little younger, I would buy an acre of land along the highway and make it a forestry demonstration plot to show people what can be done."

About two-thirds of North Carolina is still wooded and about 16 million acres of that is in the hands of private individuals.

"Only a very small percentage of this 16 million acres is actually being managed," says Leon Harkins, extension forestry specialist at North Carolina State University.

"So often a farmer engrossed with his primary crops ignores his woodlands, but it is another means of income during these hard times," Harkins says.

"There are tax credits people can take advantage of, and the state and federal government operate programs which help a person reforest after the timber has been cut. In general, the landowner is just not aware of the soundness of timber as an investment. We're not saying 'Go out and buy land,' but if you already own it realize that it could furnish the money for your child's college education or for your retirement," Harkins says.

Anyone interested in learning more about the proper management of woodlands may call the county agricultural extension office, talk with the county forester, attend extension meetings and workshops on tax breaks or contact the county forestry association, which is made up of landowners.

"We want to make sure the owner gets the true value from the trees they sell and let them know there is assistance available for reforestation," says the extension specialist.

"You hear some people who are 50 to 60 years old saying, 'Why should I bother? I won't harvest the timber. Then you hear people like Mrs. Profitt answering, 'You leave it for the next generation.' She is a steward of the land."

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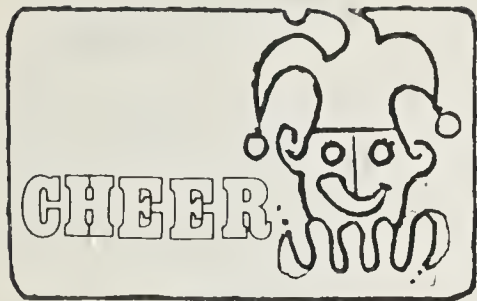
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The man finally said to his wife, "I don't think I'll give our waitress a tip."

The wife replied, "I'll give her a tip—she better not be standing in the road when we leave!"

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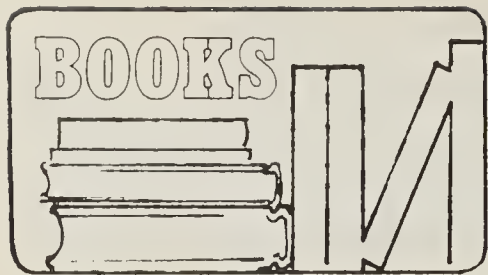
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Landscaping With Native Plants by Cordelia Penn. John F. Blair, Publisher. 225 pages. \$14.95.

If you are a firm believer that the best example of plaster statuary cannot possibly equal the beauty of the simplest shrub or natural flower, Cordelia Penn has written a book for you. She operates on the assumption that you have control over some piece of real estate—from a modest yard to a rolling farm—and that you wish to beautify it.

She proclaims the glories of native plants, and reminds us that people here in North Carolina live in an area

that is the envy of other sections from the standpoint of our trees, shrubs and flowers. And she believes that you are some kind of sinner if you import exotics in preference to what we have as a natural heritage.

This useful new book is a bargain at the modest price, even in the colorful paper binder that covers it. It tells us about the wealth of plants we have, and how to use them.

The author reminds us that the dogwood "is a beauty every season of the year," not just when the blooms appear, and even warns that it will live at elevations of up to 5,000 feet but not bloom well above 3,000. The eastern hemlock is "the most graceful conifer that grows" and if you have a naked field on your farm, "hasten to plant white pine," she writes. It will grow to 150 feet, but is also an excellent ornamental for home grounds. Even when the needles fall, the ground will be "a golden carpet, soft and lush." Birds use the needles for nests.



Shrubs receive equally loving attention. Azaleas, rhododendrons, box huckleberry, sweetshrub, summersweet, are all right there, along with the native plant called New Jersey Tea. So are the elderberry, from which folks used to make a tasty wine, and highbush blueberry.

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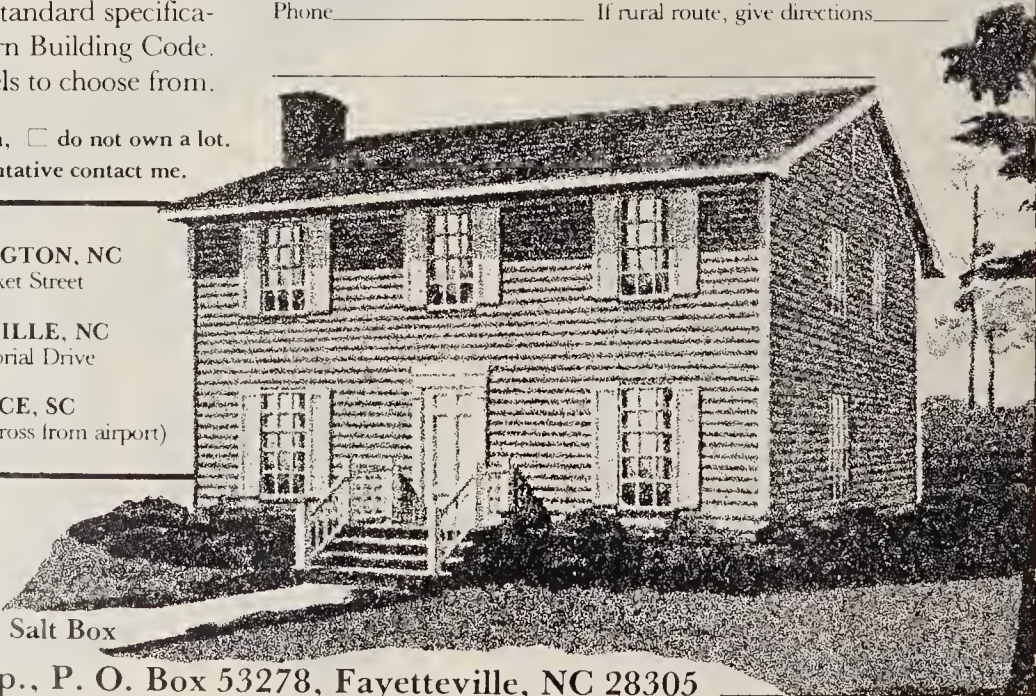
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Jackman, or scarlet clematis. One vine, the scarlet runner, is identified as a bean that grows on a vine. The pods are highly edible.

The author gives common-sense hints as she moves along. For example: Never let a vine get behind your gutter downspout. The result will be destructive.

The book is illustrated with excellent line drawings by Dorothy S. Wilbur. There is also a delightful "bonus" halfway through, a color plate of 28 full color photographs illustrating a cross-section of plantings.

Simplified landscape charts show methods that the average homeowner can use to prepare a landscape plan. After all, few of us can call in a landscape architect unless by good

luck we have one in the family.

There is a section on noxious plants, from multiflora rose to thistles (and not overlooking kudzu) and how to control them. There is a warning that the good salesmen at garden centers are there to sell stuff—and you probably don't need all that "fad" equipment, just a few simple tools.

And for a finale there is an excellent glossary, which is worth several dollars by itself if you're not completely familiar with the art of planting.

So if you're intrigued by such language as "how to create a low-maintenance landscape of year-round beauty," you shouldn't waste a minute. Go get this book.

—Frank Jeter Jr.

Felice by Angela Davis-Gardner. 302 pages. Random House. \$13.50.

In a melodious and conversational writing style, novelist Angela Davis-Gardner of Raleigh has created a highly readable first novel, *Felice*.

Set in Nova Scotia in 1920, the tale is woven in a classic manner around a young girl's emergence into womanhood. But the artful storytelling by Davis-Gardner does not counter balance some farcical episodes and a disappointing lack of attention to key elements.

Felice is a nine-year-old orphan when the story begins. Her guardian, the heavy drinking Uncle Adolphe, decides to send the girl to a convent to be schooled and disciplined. It is there that young *Felice* and her imagination become a little hard to handle.

With a well-paced narrative, Davis-Gardner takes the school girl from one crisis to another, from getting "it" (her first menstrual period) to a variety of temptations, including cheating in math class and telling fantastic lies about classmates. Her adventures are followed by dark bouts of guilt magnified by her growing infatuation with the dream of becoming a nun. As time carries her from one girlish episode to another, a more mature and less frantic *Felice* begins to emerge.

But what could be a substantial novel of the struggle between the spirit and the flesh is impaired greatly by an attempt to be entertaining. Some episodes seem contrived and impossible to believe.

A bothersome absence of detail also adds to the lack of validity of certain characters and scenes.

The passage of time is also vague. *Felice* enters the convent at the age of nine and becomes fourteen toward the end of the book. Yet, the story seems to cover a period of only one year.

Perhaps the greatest strength of the novel is in the lyrical flow of language from the first page to the last. Even though the author's style depends heavily on adjectives, it

generally has a smoothness of rhythm and an economy of words that create a highly readable conversational style. It is with this power with words that Angela Davis-Gardner comes closest to creating an unforgettable novel. Therein lies the soul and substance that the story lacks.

—Holly Hales

The Woodwright's Companion: Exploring Traditional Woodcraft. University of North Carolina Press. 189 pages. \$19.95 hardcover. \$12.95 softcover.

This volume by expert woodcrafter Roy Underhill offers new adventures in woodworking using the same traditional practices that he has recommended so highly in an earlier book and in his public television series.

Like the first book, *The Woodwright's Shop*, this new work features many of the projects he demonstrates on the TV series that was produced by North Carolina's Center for Public Television and later aired by Public Broadcasting Service stations across the country.

Underhill, master housewright at Colonial Williamsburg, who is now at work on this third TV series for next fall, gives expert advice on house-building as well as instruction on much smaller projects such as "crow chasers and turkey calls" and "whimmy diddles."

The book is a guide for making things, the author writes, but also focuses on processes and products that are "keys to a deeper perception of the ways man relates to the material world."

But a full understanding of that must come from actually working with wood, he added, saying: "With each swing of the axe, each joining of the wood, you build and preserve within you the living memory of this timeless trade. The satisfaction that you gain is well deserved."

There's lots of satisfaction to be gained from sharing Underhill's excitement about woodworking through the pages of this book, too—even if you're a woodworking novice.

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"When glaucoma occurs, the jellylike fluid that fills the eyeball increases in pressure. If allowed to continue, the rising pressure literally squeezes to death the nerves of the retina. These are the nerves which transmit the eye's visual image to the brain," Miss Buckley explains.

Symptoms of glaucoma include difficulty adjusting to darkness, side vision failing, blurred images, rainbow rings around lights and the failure of eyeglasses to help vision.

If it is discovered in time, drugs can reduce the pressure of the fluid, and there is a new drug on the market, with which the doctor will be familiar.

"Since eye diseases are more prevalent in the aging eye, it is especially important to check at least every two years with an eye specialist. See an ophthalmologist, who earned a medical degree before specializing and who can treat eye diseases as well as test vision," Miss Buckley says.

The technician who fills the eyeglass prescription is an optician.

"There is also the optometrist, trained and licensed in testing eyes for reading or for seeing at a distance, but he does not have medical training to treat eye diseases," the extension specialist says.

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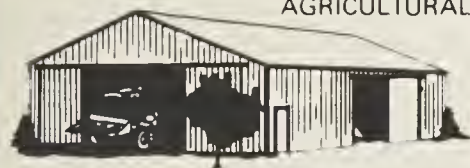


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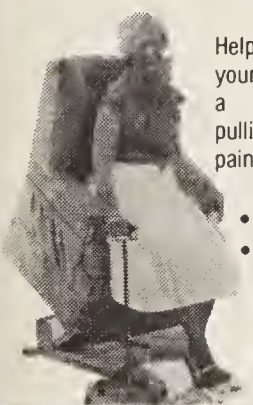
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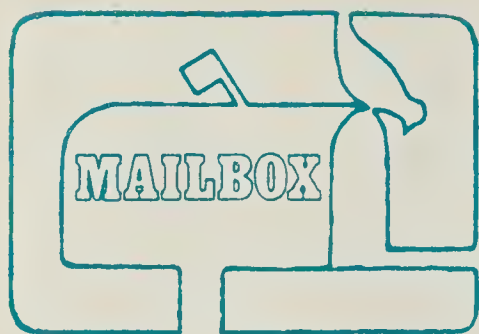
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Richard T. Elmore
Charlotte

Not To Hunt Would Waste **A "Harvestable Surplus"**

I would like to respond to C. D. Mullinix's letter in the January, 1983, issue.

First I have worked for the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and the Department of Interior. I have a master's degree in biology and feel that I can speak to the issue of wildlife management.

Second, I have a strong farm background and have been involved in the butchering of cattle, hogs, and poultry to provide meat for the table. I supplement this meat with wildlife dishes, for which I offer no apology. For many people the reality of the death of an animal for food or leather is ignored. It would be nice if there was a hamburger tree out behind "McDonald's" but it just "taint" so.

From the time I was a schoolboy I have trapped to add to my income. I have kept records for the last several years. I notice that the take of muskrats from the same farm has been very consistent with a low of 29 and a high of 41. This is but one farm of several but the results are about the same. The point I am making is that even after being trapped for several years the muskrat population has not declined. There is a surplus, as in any

crop, that can be harvested without damage to the resource.

These results with muskrats are consistent with results from studies of various wildlife agencies. One in particular involved quail in Georgia. Two areas were set aside, one protected and patrolled, one allowing public hunting. At the end of seven years the population level was the same as the start—for both areas. This type of experiment has been repeated many times in many areas with the same result.

To me, it seems a shame to waste the harvestable surplus by not hunting.

Mr. Mullinix states that wildlife is for all people. Very true, but the wildlife he has the privilege of seeing is probably the result of the efforts of trained biologists, backed by money from hunters and trappers. (Over \$3 billion nationwide in the last 50 years.)

For example, the white-tailed deer has increased its population from an estimated 500,000 at the turn of the century to over 10,000,000 today. Wild turkeys are now on the increase in Mr. Mullinix's area where they have been nonexistent for years. The population of black bears (which are harder to manage because of the large habitat they require) are increasing slightly; and on and on.

None of the money needed for the effective increase of wildlife has come from anti-hunting groups. The money they raise is used to distribute more biased propaganda based on emotion rather than fact.

In summary: (1) not once has modern hunting been proved to damage a wildlife resource. In fact the money it generates usually causes a beneficial increase in wildlife through more protection and habitat acquisition (2) How anyone can eat meat and use leather (belts, shoes, etc.), then turn around and condemn hunting and trapping is beyond me. Is one animal life more valuable than another? (3) Finally, and most of all, I resent Mr. Mullinix's equating poaching and other acts of vandalism with hunting. NOT TRUE.

These acts make me as angry as Mr. Mullinix is—if not more so—because they hurt my chances to hunt in the future. These people are not hunters

but criminals and should be treated as such. (Hunting license money is used to staff wildlife protectors who do their best to apprehend these crooks, but they need more help from the public through the use of toll free numbers, to report poachers, etc.)

Durwin Elliot
Deep Gap

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I do enjoy reading your magazine. It means a lot to me. I learn a lot by reading it and I look forward to receiving *Carolina Country* each month. Thank you. God bless you.

Maude Lee Hodges
Rex

Public TV Articles **"Were Appreciated"**

Just a line to let you know how much your articles, "Public TV Faces Federal Restrictions" and "Network Expansion Plans Delayed Due To Inflation", in the December issue of *Carolina Country*, were appreciated. I have received a number of comments both from within the Center and from EMC consumers; all comments were positive.

The Center is dedicated to serving the citizens of North Carolina within those fiscal constraints that tend to impose rigid limitations on that which we can provide. Hopefully, the future will allow the Center to complete that which is needed in order to provide the best that the television medium has to offer to enhance and enrich each and every citizen within our vast boundaries.

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"Mountain Learning" Needed **To Cope With Winter Storms**

When you live in the mountains, as we do, the saying "live and learn" has a real meaning. The comings and goings of each season may have a profound impact on your living and learning ability. Let's take the winter for instance!

When the local weatherman reports ice, sleet, freezing rain, snow or high winds—look out neighbor,

there's a possible power outage in the making.

To the flat landers such an expression could cause panic, but when you live in the mountains and realize the terrain that our power lines traverse and what Mother Nature does to branches and power lines during a winter storm, you learn to live with such a threat. You just break out the lanterns and "stoke up the wood stove."

Just the other day, with friends visiting and a beautiful sausage, egg and cheese casserole ready to go into the electric oven, out goes the power. Well, so what—mountain learning takes over. A little more dry-wood in the stove, place the casserole on the hot metal top, drape and cover the dish with tin foil to capture the heat. Place the old coffee pot on the stove's upper shelf and in no time, breakfast is ready.

So you see friends, power or not, the comforts of a warm home, and good home cooking should not be threatened by a power outage, but in one's ability to possess a little mountain learning.

R. G. Runken
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Thanks For Recent Article On "Working With Your Hands"

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Hunting: It's Not Destroying Wildlife—"But Utilizing It"

Wildlife doesn't belong to anyone "unless it is reduced to possession."

To be thoroughly familiar with predators and trappers, one must have observed, killed or trapped large numbers, and met hundreds of trappers. To say trapping is extremely cruel and disgusting for anyone to enjoy himself, the same could apply to raising innocent little birds to be turned loose only to be killed by a hunter or a predator when they had

no fear of either. I would also imagine the birds had quite a few aching stomachs adjusting from a free handout to looking for their own meals.

Well, I don't know all predators and I don't know all trappers, but I do know that the majority of predators I catch, especially bobcats, are either asleep in the trap or drowned when I return. Not mutilated, covered with blood, or suspended from trees. I suppose you do not eat chicken, turkey, hamburger, hotdogs, steak or fish. If you do, take a trip down to your local slaughter house, and if there is any means possible, measure cruelty.

I caught two muskrats the other day. The pelts will help make someone a nice fur to keep them warm when it's cold, better, longer, and prettier than most man-made garments which are not renewable resources in most cases, as are furbearers. Plus, the price of those two pelts will send my two boys to school for a week.

The glands from the rats I use to catch a mink, which also makes a nice fur, and my two boys and I then sat down to the best supper you could possibly imagine. Now if that isn't utilizing a natural resource I don't know what is. That's not destroying it, as it was so casually put, but utilizing it.

Mr. Mullinix (January Mailbox) is right that wildlife does not belong to hunters alone. It does not belong to anyone until it is legally possessed with the proper license or permits under legal seasons and limits. There is one thing I totally agree with Mr. Mullinix on and that is the wildlife in this country were doing pretty well before the white hunter came, but that was a long time ago.

I don't know about California, but in North Carolina we have a toll free number to report game violations. It is 1-800-662-7137.

Marco Gibbs
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Looking for something to keep your children occupied for a few minutes? Here's something you might try: Ask them to complete some familiar cliches and see what new wrinkles they add to them

Here's how some children re-wrote some old standard proverbs:

People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw **anything**.

A penny saved is a **savings account**.

All that glitters is not **good to eat**.

A stitch in time saves **electricity**.

A bird in the hand is worth **an egg**.

Better late than **last**.

The bigger they are the harder they **hurt**.

Don't judge a book by its **words**.

You can't teach an old dog **new math**.

If at first you don't succeed **you cry**.

.....

If you try this—send me the results.

Time To Drain The Old Swamp

Michael Tigar, the lawyer defending Rep. Ronald Delums (D-Calif.) on charges that he or his staff bought or used cocaine and marijuana, introduced himself to reporters with these words:

"For now we suffice by saying we deny the allegations, and we're trying to find out the identity of the allegators."

Late Clemson Grad's Book Recalls WWII Experiences

If the TV mini-series *The Winds of War* left you wanting to know more about World War II but hesitant to tackle Herman Wouk's hefty sequel, *War and Remembrance*, you might be interested in a book on the subject that a friend recommends highly.

It's a first-person account by the late Nash Broyles, a Clemson graduate who was in the thick of the fighting for several months shortly before Germany surrendered. Since it's based on the author's personal experiences rather than research, it has something to offer WWII veterans as well as casual readers.

The book is titled *The Reluctant Soldier*, a reference to the fact that Broyles was drafted into military service after having had ROTC training at Clemson—but his five-foot-three frame didn't meet the height requirements for a commission. He had to go to Officer Candidate School to get his gold bars, and was "reluctant" when his draft board tapped him for service.

Broyles, who won both the Bronze Star for valor and the Purple Heart for being wounded in action, has filled his book with descriptions of many battles and other incidents he witnessed as a young first lieutenant.

The softcover book may be available at local bookstores, but if not it can be ordered by sending \$5 (plus \$1 for shipping) to the author's family. The address is J.N. Broyles, 3143 Bagnal Drive, Columbia, S.C. 29204.

Our First-Ever "Atta Boy" Awards

I simply can't close out this column without offering a salute of sorts to a couple of sports

standouts. So, our first-ever "Atta-Boy" Awards go to:

- The North Carolina State University Wolfpack basketball team and Coach Jim Valvano for their never-say-die march to the NCAA pinnacle. Their performance throughout the tournaments on the way to the national championship gave us one of those "shining moments" we see all too seldom in athletics on any level.

Who could resist these scrappy underdogs, who played with such spirited determination? I certainly couldn't. In fact, until Dean Smith's troops were knocked off by the Georgia Bulldogs, I was genuinely dreading the prospect of another meeting between the Heels and the Wolfpack: As a "true blue" Tar Heel fan who found himself pulling for that team in red and white, I didn't want either team to lose.

Atta Boy, Wolfpack!

- Former Tar Heel tailback Kelvin Bryant, who's now running up yardage totals for the United States Football League's Philadelphia Stars, for endowing a non-athletic scholarship at UNC. He gave the school \$10,000 to endow a scholarship in recreation administration curriculum, saying the gift was to show his gratitude for the education he received in Chapel Hill.

As *The Raleigh Times* editorialized, Bryant had long ago repaid the Carolina football program by helping to win games and earn television money.

"But," said the *Times*, "Bryant learned other things at the school, in the classroom, in the dorm and along quiet tree-shaded campus lanes. And somewhere along the way, probably in his home in Tarboro, he learned to show his appreciation."

Atta Boy, Kelvin!

—Owen Bishop

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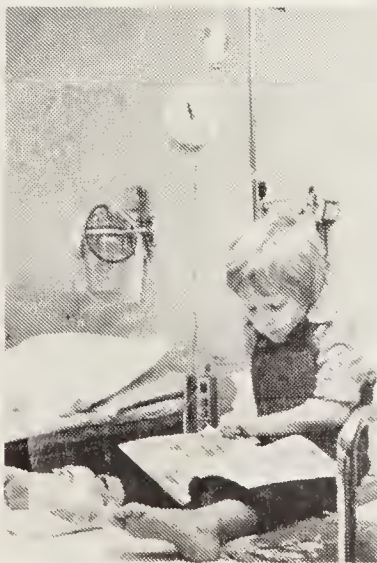
Date	Electric Membership Corporation	Time	Location
June 11	Blue Ridge, Lenoir	Refreshments, entertainment, energy displays: 8:00 a.m. Business Meeting with entertainment by Jeanne Pruett: 10:00 a.m.	Ashe Central High School, Jefferson
June 17	Piedmont, Hillsborough	Registration, entertainment by the Dixie Melody Boys: 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m.	Orange High School Auditorium
July 15	Randolph, Asheboro	Registration: 6:00 p.m. Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m.	Lee Stone Stadium, Asheboro

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